

HPV Forecaster: Under Construction

Please continue to vaccinate with Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine. PLEASE NOTE: We have “turned off” the HPV Forecaster in the IMR because of a technical problem. The Forecaster works for other vaccine series. This means:

- Recommendations button will not call for the HPV series, even if that vaccine is due or overdue. It is still important that you administer the HPV vaccine!
- Reports that include the HPV series, like Vaccine Coverage Report for adolescents, will show no patients up to date the for HPV series. The Forecaster works for other vaccine series.
- Reminder recall reports will not work for the HPV series.
- Most importantly, YOU must think about HPV.

Guidance

Remember that the ACIP recommends starting the HPV series at age 11 (but it may be given as early as age 9). If you do that, and administer the second dose six to twelve months later, the series is complete.

If a patient received **two** doses of HPV before age 15, but the doses were less than 5 months apart, they will need another dose to be up to date.

If a patient received **three** doses of HPV before age 15, and there were 5 months between the first and third doses, the patient is UP TO DATE and DOES NOT need another dose. For more details about minimum intervals, see the link below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6549a5.htm>

You may also contact your immunization designee at the local district office, or contact the immunization program at AHS.VDHImmunizationProgram@vermont.gov

Why?

There is science behind vaccine schedules. In this case, the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices made a change when the evidence showed that administering the vaccine earlier in the licensed age range was so effective at eliciting immunity, fewer doses were needed. This added a level of complexity that will require us to revise or replace our current software. We are working on a long-term solution.

Background:

In October 2016, the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) issued a change to the schedule for Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine. The original recommendation was for three doses over a 6 month period, with the first dose at age 11 years. The new recommendation is for a 2-dose schedule, 6 to 12 months apart, for adolescents who start the series **before the age of 15**. People who start the series at or after the age of 15 or are immunocompromised, should follow the original 3-dose schedule.

So what's the good news?

We will run HPV coverage reports for medical practices upon request. Contact us at (888) 688-4667, or email us at IMR@vermont.gov

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